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Once a fisherman, always a liar.

Blessed is the man devoid of suspicion, doubt and despair.

Envy, malice and hate are the most deadly poisons of the human soul.

Stepping accidentally on the corns of the end-seat hog might help some.

When money is put above manhood, financial vice triumphs over virtue.

Some men risk their lives knowingly and voluntarily for their country, some for those they love, and some go into automobile racing.

An Atlanta girl has joined a chorus in spite of the fact that the man to whom she is engaged threatens to give her up. He can't be very rich.

Women's shoes will be more pointed this fall, according to a fashion authority, and the chiroplastists are looking forward to a rush of business.

It costs the government \$35,000,000 a year now to distribute the mail to the farmers, but remarks the Topeka Herald, it is worth the money.

The New York woman who has been firing with a bullet in her brain has more or less excuse for shooting off her mouth, as she has been doing of late.

That Brooklyn widow who weighs 525 pounds and is still growing, should look around soon if she expects to find a man who thinks she is worth her weight in gold.

Prince d'Abré of Egypt says that in his country people are slow to anger and never strike until some one strikes them first. How in the world do they ever get up fights, then?

In Boston the tribe of Sullivans has increased to such an extent that it now ranks next to the Smiths in the city directory. A few Emersons still reside there, but they don't occupy as much space as formerly.

Emperor William, while attending army maneuvers, is living in a portable asbestos house. The Kaiser has been regarded as a "warm" proposition, but no one imagined his calorific had reached such a high degree as that.

Huge sums of money were carried through the streets of New York recently in an open wagon and without protection. Crooks will feel like suing the authorities for damages for not letting them know about it until next day.

A girl says she is not acquainted with a man who met her on the street car and claimed her as his wife. This is a rapid age, but at that no man should marry a woman who isn't acquainted with him without telling her anything about it.

Capt. Roald Amundsen, being a wise person, will have his polar bears thoroughly broken to harness before riding them to the north pole. Also he should require with each bear a written guaranty that it would not eat man meat under any circumstances.

A lawyer in a New York police court testified that he had never done anything wrong in his life. And yet, up to date, he has not received an offer to go into vaudeville or had a bid for the National museum at Smithsonian Institution as one of the greatest of all living curiosities.

New Orleans and Galveston both meet the ships that bring in immigrants with a brass band welcome. If this doesn't turn the tides southward it is likely that something substantial, like 40 acres and a mule to every head of a family, will be added to the glittering inducements.

Dr. Wiley says: "If we admit as a physiological fact that an animal should live four times as long as its period of growth, the time may come in the far future when the average length of human life, instead of the exception, will be three-score and ten." Then life insurance rates can be reduced.

Walter Wellman will be jeered at for making a second failure of his projected airship journey to the pole, but as he very justly observes, it was not suicide he contemplated, but actual discovery of the pole, and when it looked like one more than the other, how many of his critics, asks the Chicago Daily News, would do otherwise than stay on solid ground?

A lady who ought to know what she is saying, assures us that there is a reaction from the extravagant living that has marked the last few years. "Only the extremely rich can stand the strain," she says, "and even those who are beginning to ask themselves, 'Is the game worth the candle?' Great profusion at a dinner with extremely rare viands does not necessarily mean that the dinner is going to be more enjoyable than a simpler meal. The same argument applies to many other things, and people are beginning to find it out."

The exposition which Mexico is planning for 1910 to celebrate the centennial of Mexican independence promises to be an exceedingly interesting show. Few countries have gained faster than Mexico in the last few years and few are more in the mind's eye of a good many far-seeing men.

Somehow the gray wolf does not gain in public respect since the zoologist has told us that he dates back to the glacial period. Old age some times falls of being venerable.

THE SECRETARY OF PEACE.



HINTS AT SCANDALS

KIRKMAN SAYS HE WILL ATTACK ADVOCATE GENERAL.

IS FORMER ARMY OFFICER

Writes a Book on the Slander Bureau of the War Department—Leaves Leavenworth Prison.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan.—George W. Kirkman, former captain of the regular army, was released from the United States penitentiary. The two years and three months' confinement did not crush his spirit, and he announces a war program that will be interesting and spectacular, if he carries it out.

Kirkman says that one of his first moves will be to attempt to secure the indictment of Gen. George B. Davis, judge advocate general, the head of the legal department of the army, who, he alleges, is drawing his salary contrary to law and in violation of the act of congress providing for the general staff of the army. He refused to put on any of the clothing provided for discharged prisoners and wore the same suit he came in with, June 22, 1907. He proudly wore his West Point class ring, on the little finger of his left hand, and the Volunteer Prison League button in the left lapel of his coat.

Kirkman was asked about his plans for the future, when he said:

"Heretofore I have been a soldier in the commonwealth. Hereafter I will be a soldier in the commonwealth. I have written a great deal for newspapers and magazines and I intend to devote myself to this. I have two books ready to go to print. One is fiction concerning a war between the United States and a foreign power in 1908 and the other is my far famed army book."

"The book will treat on the Slander Bureau of the war department. Its specialty is a warning on women and children. Witness the Tucker and Ayres incidents of late. This Slander Bureau has willfully supplied the press in Washington with information which the father of lies himself would be proud of."

"I intend to sue for a writ of mandamus in the United States supreme court to compel the United States circuit court to act on my habeas corpus appeal. Notwithstanding that I am free, I am going to appeal from the comical decision handed down by Judge McPherson."

Kirkman is very bitter against the officers of the Twenty-fifth infantry, whom he once served with.

Freshman Slashes Two Hazers.

CORVALLIS, Ore.—John Kelley and Richard Skibbe are in the hospital and the authorities of the Oregon agricultural college have started a movement forever to abolish hazing, as a result of the defense put up by Robert Olph, a freshman, when the sophomores tried to throw him into a lake. He slashed into the crowd with a knife and Kelley and Skibbe fell. The others ran.

Girl's Murder a Mystery.

CAMDEN, N. J.—The murder of nine-year-old Ethel Nevins, or Marx, of East Camden, whose mutilated body was found in a thicket not far from her home Saturday, is a complete mystery, though the police have arrested August Douglas of Philadelphia in connection with the case. He is held for examination, together with Joseph Wood, 16 years old, who was arrested Saturday night.

Lahn Starts for St. Louis.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Frank E. Lahn, veteran aviator and father of Lieut. Frank P. Lahn, winner of the Bennett cup, left here for St. Louis to take charge of the arrangements of the international aeronautic cup race in that city Oct. 21.

Medical Men in Hot Springs.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—The Southwest Medical Association met in second annual session at the Eastman hotel here Tuesday afternoon, and will hold a three days' session.

Enginemen Killed in Collision.

SIoux CITY, Iowa.—A Milwaukee freight train and switch engine collided at Mitchell, S. D. Engineer Dennis L. Summer of Sioux City and Fireman Welland of Yankton were killed. It was Welland's second trip.

Prof. Masson Dead.

EDINBURGH, Scotland.—David Masson, historiographer royal for Scotland, died. Prof. Masson, from 1858 to '59, was editor of MacMillan's Magazine, the publication of which was suspended last week.

CONFLICT WITH THE NAVY.

Tonnage and Light Tax Demanded of Coal Steamer.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash.—The arrival of the British tramp steamer Netherlee from Norfolk, Va., with coal for the Bremerton navy yard, has precipitated a sharp conflict between the navy department and the bureau of navigation.

It is alleged that the navy department promised the vessel immunity from duties of all kind, but the customs officers here refuse to permit the vessel to proceed until she pays alien tonnage and light tax, amounting to \$1 per registered ton. The Netherlee will be obliged to pay \$2,740 before a discharging permit is granted.

SAYS MAY SAPP KILLED SELF.

Man Tells Prosecutor He Saw Her Cut Her Throat.

LOLA, Kas.—The mystery that has surrounded the death of Miss May Sapp of Moran apparently was cleared up Tuesday, when Samuel F. Whitlow, a married grain and feed merchant of Moran, made a statement that he witnessed the girl's death. He declared that the girl committed suicide because of her infatuation for him. He told his story in the presence of C. O. Bellinger, sheriff; J. N. Sapp, the father of the dead girl; Ray Smock, her brother-in-law, and a Pinkerton detective.

WOULD TRADE PROFESSORS.

Scandinavians Discuss Proposition of Exchanging Educators.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark.—The Danish press is earnestly discussing the proposition to exchange professors of the University of Copenhagen and other Scandinavian educational institutions and professors of American universities. It is understood that the Scandinavian societies in the United States will be appealed to, probably resulting in the formation of an organization similar to the alliance franchise and that the financing of the project might thus be brought about.

ROBBERS HOLD HIGHWAYS.

Russian Trade at Standstill—Clergy Preaches Boycott.

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia.—Spanish dispatches state that bands of robbers hold the highways, detaining goods and posts, and that trade is at a standstill. Many merchants are bankrupt and the clergy is preaching a boycott of European goods.

Voronchich dispatches explain that the mob tried to burn the home of a priest while the Bishop, Vladimir, was lodging there.

Kansas W. C. T. U. in Session.

ELIZABETH, Kas.—The Women's Christian Temperance Union met in state convention here Tuesday for a three days' session. A number of delegates are in attendance, among them State President Mrs. Elizabeth P. Hutchinson, Treasurer Mrs. Hadie E. Lewis, National Organizer Mrs. Adelle Zehner of Dallas, Tex., and Mrs. E. W. Hoch.

Women Hurt in Bargain Rush.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Three thousand persons, mostly women, tempted to crowd into a 10c store that opened on Main street. A panic resulted. A dozen women fainted, a baby was trampled upon, but not seriously hurt, and three women were slightly injured.

Rowlands Freed of Murder Charge.

RALEIGH, N. C.—The jury in the Rowland murder trial returned a verdict of acquittal. Dr. and Mrs. Rowland were charged with poisoning the woman's former husband, Chas. R. Strangre.

Quarrel in School Fatal.

DOVER, Colo.—E. T. Osborne, a bookkeeper for the Green Canon Coal Co., was shot and instantly killed by E. L. Pierce, a claim accountant for the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, during a quarrel in a night school.

By-Laws of Order Changed.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The Supreme lodge of the Knights and Ladies of Honor changed the by-laws of the order by taking away the right of social members to vote on the admission of candidates to the relief fund branch.

Hungarian Boy Butchered Father.

BERLIN, Germany.—In the village of Stollhauza (Hungary) a boy of 11 years killed his father with a hatchet while he was sleeping, in revenge for the latter's ill treatment of his mother.

ROOSEVELT'S TRIP

THE MOST UNIQUE VOYAGE ANY PRESIDENT EVER MADE.

TALKS FOR DEEP WATERWAY

Makes Speeches at Keokuk, St. Louis and Memphis for Lakes-to-the-Gulf Route.

ST. LOUIS.—Following his address to the throngs gathered at Canton to pay their last public respects to the memory of the martyred president, William McKinley, in the dedication of the \$600,000 mausoleum, contributed by 1,000,000 citizens of the republic, President Roosevelt commenced his 600-mile trip down the Mississippi river.

This voyage was made in the interest of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Waterway project, and at the solicitation of the deep waterway commission.

No president of the United States has ever undertaken such another voyage. President Roosevelt's time during the trip was taken up with speeches, making, receptions, conferences with waterway agitators and the governors of nearly all the middle west states.

What He Told Keokuk People.

In the president's address at Keokuk he proclaimed that there would be no retreat in his war upon illegal corporations. He admitted that his policy might have been a contributory cause of the present financial depression.

During the speech the president said that this nation could whip the world, but that preparation was necessary.

The latter part of the speech was devoted to the development of the river highways, irrigation, forest planting and the system of state agricultural schools.

Big Day in St. Louis.

AT ST. LOUIS the presidential party was greeted by a committee of business men, thirteen state governors of the middle west and the members of the interstate waterways commission. The president rode in an open carriage through the thronged streets, despite a downpouring rain, and delivered his address to the multitude while his clothes were dripping wet. His speech was on the same general lines of the one delivered at Keokuk.

Last Stop of the Trip.

UPON REACHING MEMPHIS, the president took part in the deep waterway convention, which was in session at that place.

He departed from his printed speech at Memphis in several instances. Speaking of the old Confederate regiment that acted as his guard of honor while in the city, he said it was a touching sight to see those old Confederate soldiers carrying the flag of this great Union. If anyone wanted to know how they would fight for that flag, let him ask the "boys in blue" how they had fought against it.

As a climax to this noted voyage, President Roosevelt ordered the ill-fated master of the steamer Fred Hartweg suspended for 90 days for jockeying in a dangerous manner for the place of honor directly following the president's steamer.

JAPAN'S WELCOME TO TAFT.

Secretary of War Gets Warm Reception in Land of the Mikado.

YOKOHAMA.—When Secretary Taft landed in Yokohama on the steamer Minnesota he found the city draped with American and Japanese colors, intertwined and the imperial carriage in waiting.

The local newspapers printed extended interviews with him, in which he expressed the opinion that the United States and Japan would always remain friends.

All the papers published cordial editorials of welcome.

The secretary was entertained by Foreign Minister Honyashi at luncheon, and the municipality gave a dinner in his honor. Mr. Taft expressed himself as greatly delighted with the cordiality of his reception.

Secretary Taft was granted an audience with the mikado in the royal palace, and Mrs. Taft was at the same time received by the empress. Later Mr. and Mrs. Taft were entertained at luncheon by the mikado and his wife.

New Director at Jamestown.

NORFOLK, Va.—The board of directors of the Jamestown exposition accepted the resignation of J. M. Barr as director general of the exposition. Alvah H. Martin, first vice president and governor of the transportation of the exposition company, was elected director-general to succeed Mr. Barr and accepted the office.

Further Regulation of Railroads.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Governor B. B. Comer, who was here last Monday, announced that the Alabama legislature would be convened in extra session November 7. "The call will embrace nothing of importance, except further regulation of the railroads," said Governor Comer.

Schooner Capsized; Crew Saved.

LYNN, Mass.—The British schooner Princess of Avon, bound from Parrisburg, N. S., to Boston, was capsized off the Graves, the entrance to Boston harbor. Her crew of five men was rescued by a government tug.

Plague Continues at Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—The totals in the bubonic plague situation to date are: Cases verified, 43; deaths, 20; death percentage, 60.4 per cent; suspects under observation, 22.

Damaged Ships Return to Quebec.

HALIFAX, N. S.—The Allen Line steamer Mongolian, which was in collision with the steamer Hurons, was so seriously injured that she is compelled to return at slow speed to Quebec with her 150 passengers. The Hurons is also returning to Quebec.

Returns Shot for Inuit.

NORMAN, Oklahoma.—Miss Hatlie Guy, daughter of a farmer, shot and perhaps fatally wounded Isaac Chitwood at a dance given at her uncle's home near here.

MINER IN BOMB MURDER.

Two Men Who Committed Crimes Are On Way to Cheyenne.

PORTLAND, Ore.—A long distance telephone message to the Oregonian from Granite, Ore., states that Frank Tucker was arrested there on suspicion of being an accomplice to the Harvey K. Brown murder at Baker City.

Tucker made a statement while under the influence of liquor which caused his being taken into custody that he was at Baker City the night of the explosion; that he knew the names of the two men who exploded the bomb. He now refuses to say who they were.

He says the two men are on their way to Cheyenne, Wyo.

Tucker claims to have worked in mines in Butte and Colorado, says he is a member of the Western Federation of Miners, and says he has a brother who lives in Belo, Ore.

NEGRO IN ROMADKA MYSTERY.

Police Believe He Will Prove Woman's "Ralph Smith."

CHICAGO, Ill.—That Albert Jones, a negro, arrested as an acquaintance of Mrs. Charles J. Romadka, may be the "Ralph Smith" who, the woman says, gave her \$1,000 worth of jewelry said to have been stolen from Mrs. C. E. Beck, is believed by the police. The negro was located through the list of telephone calls Mrs. Romadka has registered against her at the Victoria hotel, and it is said that she called him up several times a day. Jones admits he knows her, but says he was employed by her to run errands, for which she paid him as much as \$3 and \$5 each. A search of Jones' apartment is said to have revealed a suit case full of jewelry and several empty jewel boxes.

Guards Kill Twenty Convicts.

TOLSK, Siberia.—A gang of convicts, who were being escorted here from Tyumen, Eastern Siberia, attacked their guards and wounded six. The guards fired on the convicts, 20 of whom were killed. Eleven of the prisoners escaped with rifles, which they had wrested from the members of the escort in the hand to hand fight which followed the outbreak.

German-American Resolutions.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—A series of resolutions covering widely divergent subjects was adopted at Sunday's session of the German-American alliance. The report of the committee on personal liberty, which was accepted, protested against "the interference of the church in legislation and politics and its meddling with the private affairs of a public officer."

Burlington Making Survey.

METROPOLIS, Ill.—The Chicago Burlington & Quincy surveyors have been making their final survey on this end of the proposed line to the Ohio river. Three times the route has been surveyed and each time Metropolis has been the point in view. The probability of the Burlington and the Frisco crossing the river at Metropolis looks more favorable than ever.

Vessels Finish Target Practice.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Word has reached the navy department that the following vessels have finished their target practice and have left Cape Cod on their way to the navy yards to prepare for the cruise to the Pacific coast: The Tennessee, Kearsarge, Maine, Kentucky, Ohio and Missouri. The practice period was curtailed on account of heavy weather.

Find Oklahoma Man's Body.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—A body that was found floating in the Mississippi river Tuesday was yesterday identified as that of F. D. Wilkins of Elmo, Okla. Wilkins left Elmo recently, taking \$3,000 with him. The police are working on the theory of a possible murder.

Bacon Not to Succumb Tower.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—It is authoritatively announced at the state department that there is no foundation for the report that Robert Bacon, first assistant secretary of state, is to succeed Ambassador Tower at Berlin.

Even Asheville, N. C., Goes "Dry."

RALEIGH, N. C.—Governor Glenn was deeply gratified by a telegram from B. H. Tucker of Asheville, telling him the prohibitionists had defeated the saloons and made the city "dry" by 700 majority.

Szecheny-Vanderbilt Wedding Dec. 4.

NEWPORT, N. J.—Coun Szecheny and Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, it is learned, will be married Dec. 4, instead of in November, as reported earlier.

Socialist Leader to Visit U. S.

BERLIN, Ger.—Herr Bebel, the socialist leader in the reichstag, intends to visit the United States next year and deliver a series of speeches on socialism.

Vote General Strike in Cuba.

HAVANA, Cuba.—The Cuban labor organizations Tuesday voted to order a general strike of all unions in the island if the railway employ the strike-breakers who landed here Monday from New York.

New Jersey Republicans Nominates.

TRENTON, N. J.—Supreme Court Justice John Franklin Fort was nominated for governor on the first ballot by the republican state convention. Justice Fort received 750 votes out of a total of 1,150.

Utah Miners Go on Strike.

PARK CITY, Utah.—Objecting to the employment of some non-union miners, 350 miners employed by the Daly, West Ontario and Little Bell mines, all members of the Western Federation of Miners, quit work Wednesday and the properties suspended operations.

Roosevelt Starts on Trip.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt left here Sunday night at 7:41 o'clock over the Pennsylvania railroad on his western and southern trip.

BRYAN SETS DATE

SAYS DEMOCRATS WILL SOON LEARN OF HIS ATTITUDE.

HAS ALL NIGHT CONFERENCE

Taggart Out of National Committee—John W. Kern Is Urged for the Place.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Before Thanksgiving day, William J. Bryan says he will inform democrats just what his attitude toward the presidential nomination is.

In a little back room at the Grand hotel, Mr. Bryan and John W. Kern, the latter several times democratic candidate for governor, counseled until 4 o'clock in the morning on what Bryan ought to do about the presidential nomination. Bryan had bid good night to Tom Taggart and the lesser lights when he telephoned to Kern to meet him. Bryan was told at this meeting that Taggart will not try for a place as national committeeman, much less as national chairman, whereupon Bryan said Kern should go after the job. Kern said he would. Bryan then as good as promised Kern that he could have the national chairmanship if Bryan is nominated.

There is reason to believe that Bryan asked Kern his advice as to pulling for the nomination, and Kern advised him to await developments. Bryan expressed grave doubt as to whether he ought to keep the public in the dark as to his intention. The upshot of the meeting was that Bryan told Kern he would decide upon and announce his course before Thanksgiving day.

TEN DEAD IN WRECK.

Trains Collide and Flames Attack the Wreckage.

VIENNA.—An express train from Semlin collided with a freight train Budapest. Ten persons are reported killed and 30 hurt, many of them seriously. The collision occurred on a high embankment, and the force with which the trains met threw both down into a deep ditch.

Fire broke out in the passenger coaches, and this was responsible for several of the deaths. Pinned down by wreckage, the victims were roasted to death before the eyes of passengers who had escaped unhurt. Several persons were dragged from the debris by rescuers just in time to escape a similar fate.

NEGRO ELKS WIN FIGHT.

White Lodges in New Jersey Opposed Using Name of Order.

TRENTON, N. J.—The attorney general has decided that Sunlight Lodge No. 114, Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, established by negroes, is no infringement of the name of the lodges composed of white men.

The new lodge has accordingly been incorporated with the secretary of state. The white Elks have been making a strenuous fight against the formation of negroes into lodges of the order.

Aged 57, He Goes to College.

WASHINGTON, Pa.—Peter Murray of Buena Vista, at the age of 57, has gone to college. He is a student at Jefferson Academy, Connorsburg, and the teachers say he is one of the most diligent. In his youth Murray had to work for a living and sacrifice his schooling. He has accumulated money till his large business interests, he says, demands that he be better educated.

Jap Warriors Made Peers.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Advices from Japan state that a large number of Japanese diplomats, soldiers and sailors have been made peers for services during the war. Marquises Ito, Yamagata and Oyama were made princes. Barons Gens. Kuroki, Oku, Nogi, Admiral Yamomoto and Admiral Togo were made counts. In all, 102 officials were honored.

Remove Birthmarks With Radium.

PARIS.—Wickham and Degrais announced at the Congress of Surgeons that they had succeeded in many cases in removing the birthmarks known as port wine stains with radium. They showed a series of photographs illustrating stages of the final treatment, which left the skin in its normal condition.

Mrs. Rockefeller Ill.

CLEVELAND, O.—Mrs. John D. Rockefeller is so seriously ill that she was unable to attend the funeral of Miss Laura Rudd, daughter of Mr. Rockefeller's sister. Mrs. Rockefeller is understood not to be in a critical condition.

Smokes Near Powder; Two Die.